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MODERNISATION OF TELECOM FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of equipments/products being manufactured in all the telecom factories of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(b) whether any modernization programme is being proposed to implement to enable the factories to manufacture equipments/products to suit the latest technological developments in telecom sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, the number of equipment/products being manufactured in all telecom factories of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is 27.

(b) Modernization programme is being implemented to enable factories to manufacture equipments/products to suit the latest technological developments in telecom sector. Continuous efforts have been and are being made to modernize the Telecom Factories (TF) and induct new products in the product list.

(c) SIM Card Plant with latest technology imported from Germany has been set up in Telecom Factory, Mumbai during 2006-07. There is a proposal to enhance the capacity of the Plant from present 10 million SIM cards per annum to 40 million SIM card per annum. Telecom Factories have enhanced the production of cellular tower, which is an important element in telecom network, during last five years. Telecom Factory Kolkata and Mumbai have already started production of IN Public Call Office (PCO) from the year 2004-05. Telecom Factory Kolkata has set up production facilities for Jointing Kits and commenced production from the year 2005-06. A galvanizing plant is under installation at Telecom Factory Kharagpur (under Kolkata Circle). Telecom Factory Kolkata and Mumbai have started production of CT Block (MDF type) to meet the demand of broadband. Telecom Factory Mumbai has also commenced production of FDMS and Patch Panel Antenna from 2004-05. The proposal of formation of Joint Venture for

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.